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In re Appln. of Schaefer, et al.

Appln. No.: 10/664,491

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For: **Multilayer Heat Sealant
Structures, Packages and Methods
of Making the Same**

Examiner: unassigned

Group Art Unit: 1772

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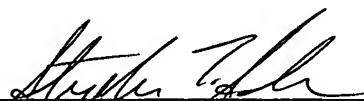
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It is respectfully requested that the Examiner indicate consideration of the cited references by returning a copy of the enclosed Form PTO-1449 with initials or other appropriate remarks.

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